

and an upper portion 254 having the holographic design 70 visible thereon. The upper portion 254 of the sleeve 212a is detachable from a lower portion 256 of the sleeve 212a via vertical perforations 258 and/or circumferential perforations 260 extending about the sleeve 212a near or above the level of a open upper end 262 of the flower pot 250 (FIG. 33); or, alternatively, the sleeve 212a may extend over the flower pot 250 which is already covered by a decorative cover (not shown). In either event, the sleeve 212a is often detached after shipment and delivery. The sleeve 212a usually has a bonding material (not shown herein but is shown in U.S. patent application Ser. No. 08/220,852, which is specifically incorporated herein by reference) disposed thereupon such that a second end 216a of the sleeve 212a will connect to the flower pot 250. Alternatively, a bonding material (not shown) may be disposed upon the outer peripheral surface 252 of the flower pot 250. In a further alternative, the bonding material (not shown) may be disposed on both the flower pot 250 and the sleeve 212a. The flower pot 250 may contain a floral grouping 264 disposed therein.

It will be appreciated that the method of disposing a flower pot 250 into the sleeve 212a is generally substantially similar to the method described above for disposing the floral grouping 224 into the sleeve 212.

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The Embodiment of FIG. 34

Shown in FIG. 34 and designated therein by the general reference numeral 270 is a decorative cover or wrapper for a floral grouping 272 constructed from the optical effect material 10c, as shown in FIG. 6 and described in detail herein previously. The wrapper 270 is identical to the sleeve 212 above, except that the wrapper 270 is a narrow tubular shape which is constructed to accommodate a floral grouping 272 comprising generally only a single bloom portion 274 and stem portion 276. The method of use of the wrapper 270 is identical to the method of use shown in FIGS. 27-30 and described in detail herein above.

Changes may be made in the construction and the operation of the various components, elements and assemblies described herein or in the steps or the sequence of steps of the methods described herein without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as defined in the following claims.

What is claimed:

45 1. A method for making decorative grass having an optical effect comprising the steps of:

providing a sheet of optical effect material having an upper surface, a lower surface and a holographic design on at least a portion of one of the upper and lower surfaces thereof;

50 slitting the sheet of optical effect material to provide decorative elements therefrom; and

chopping the decorative elements into segments having a predetermined length to provide decorative grass

55 wherein the holographic design imparts at least a portion of an optical effect to the decorative grass.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein, in the step of providing the sheet of optical effect material, the sheet of optical effect material is further provided with printed matter thereon which cooperates with the holographic design to provide at least a portion of the optical effect to the decorative grass.

3. The method of claim 2 wherein, in the step of providing the sheet of optical effect material, the sheet of optical effect material is further provided with an embossed pattern thereon which cooperates with the holographic design and the printed matter to provide at least a portion of the optical effect to the decorative grass.

4. The method of claim 3 wherein, in the step of providing the sheet of optical effect material, at least a portion of the printed matter and at least a portion of the embossed pattern on the sheet of optical effect material are in registry.

5. The method of claim 1 wherein, in the step of providing the sheet of optical effect material, the sheet of optical effect material is further provided with an embossed pattern thereon which cooperates with the holographic design to provide at least a portion of the optical effect to the decorative grass.

6. A method for providing a packing material in the form of decorative grass wherein the packing material comprises a plurality of individual strands of optical effect material wherein at least a portion of the strands of optical effect material have a holographic design, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a roll of optical effect material having a holographic design;

withdrawing a portion of the optical effect material having a holographic design from the roll of such material;

slitting the portion of the optical effect material withdrawn from the roll into a plurality of strands wherein at least a portion of the strands of the optical effect material have a holographic design; and

cutting the strands of the optical effect material to provide the decorative packing material.

7. The method for providing a decorative packing material comprising a plurality of strands having an optical effect of claim 6 wherein, in the step of providing the roll of optical effect material having a holographic design, the optical

effect material is further provided with printed matter thereon which cooperates with the holographic design to provide at least a portion of the optical effect to the plurality of strands of the decorative packing material.

5 8. The method for providing a packing material of claim 7 wherein, in the step of providing the roll of optical effect material having a holographic design and printed matter, the optical effect material is further provided with an embossed pattern thereon which cooperates with the holographic 10 design and the printed pattern to provide at least a portion of the optical effect to the plurality of strands of the decorative packing material.

15 9. The method for providing a packing material of claim 8 wherein, in the step of providing the roll of optical effect material having a holographic design, printed matter and an embossed pattern, at least a portion of the printed matter and the embossed pattern on the optical effect material are in registry.

20 10. The method for providing a packing material of claim 6 wherein, in the step of providing the roll of optical effect material having a holographic design, the optical effect material is further provided with an embossed pattern thereon which cooperates with the holographic design to provide at least a portion of the optical effect to the plurality 25 of strands of the decorative sacking material.

11. The method of claim 1 wherein the decorative strands cooperate to provide decorative grass.

12. The method of claim 6 wherein the decorative strands cooperate to provide decorative grass.

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